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Amendment & Response to Office Action dated February 23, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

The Office Action was mailed on February 23, 2006 and the shortened time period to respond is May 23, 2006, and, thus, this response is timely. In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.